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VOLUNTEERS COLLECT MORE THAN 23,000 POUNDS OF TRASH AT THE ADOPT-A-BEACH 2021 COASTWIDE SPRING CLEANUP

Despite cold and windy conditions, more than 1,400 volunteers help beautify 98 miles of Texas beaches

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AUSTIN — Volunteers from all over Texas participated in the Adopt-A-Beach 2021 Coastwide Spring Cleanup that took place on April 17, 2021. The 1,485 volunteers worked together to clean 22 locations along the Texas coast.

The coastwide cleanup resulted in 23,399 pounds of trash being removed, leaving our beloved Texas coast clean and ready for wildlife and the community alike to enjoy this summer.

"The turnout to the Adopt-A-Beach Coastwide Spring Cleanup conveys how much pride Texans have in keeping our beaches and the great state of Texas clean," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "I want to personally thank all of the volunteers who took time out of their Saturday, braved the weather, and helped ensure we keep our Texas beaches as safe and as clean as possible."

The next coastwide cleanup will take place on Saturday, September 18th, 2021. Volunteers can find more information at www.texasadoptabeach.org and are encouraged to take part in a fun-filled day of giving back to our community and taking care of the Texas coast.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 551,000 volunteers have removed over 9,700 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

This year's state sponsors included HEB, Unilever, ExxonMobil, NOAA, the Coastal management Program, Altos Planos, and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock.

Texans who are not able to attend the cleanup can help keep our beaches clean by making a tax-deductible donation online at www.TexasAdoptABeach.org. There are several different Adopt-A-Beach sponsorship levels ranging from \$25 to \$25,000, allowing both individuals and corporations to contribute to this major cleanup effort.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit <u>TexasAdoptABeach.org</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.